

TO PUSH TURF REFORM.

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Another thing that causes many owners who win stakes great annoyance is the custom of entering horses under the names of some stable. All horses should be entered under the names of their owners. The only persons entitled to race horses otherwise should be the owners or breeders, and not others. They have been entered like this: "The Madison stud entries Kentucky." No amount of registration will prevent fraud when such a name is used. A stable name should be used that is not recalled your courteous ways in the past, and I had not recalled your courteous ways in the past, and I should have obeyed my first impulse and have answered your letter as I was prompted to do by the feeling which it aroused. Reflecting, however, that you wrote us you did because you did not know any better, I will reply to you calmly, dispassionately, and with the utmost good nature. "You say that you feel justified in assuming that I incurred no such expense as \$900 in the late campaign in this Assembly District. The ground for this assumption on your part, as I gather from your letter, is that I did not give you the money to spend, nor have I yet shown you how I spent it. I might ask who are you that I should render an account of my campaign work, but I recall the fact that I agreed to do so, and since you raise the question, I will do so. You will grant me the right to cover over the amounts with you. Not only that, but I will make it an object for you to examine them.

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Oswego, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Representatives of the Sons of Veterans from four counties met here last evening and decided to hold the regular annual meeting of the Order in Cortland in September next.

Business Chances.

A \$2,500 WANTED, and salaried office position offered in a select manufacturing business in this city that is well established, to one who is a good manager, as the firm is to be incorporated quickly as possible. PRODUCER, Box 6, Tribune Office.

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